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ELECTION 2019: What Voters Need to Know About Vote by Mail

The City of Rockville will conduct a vote by mail election on Tuesday, Nov. 5 for mayor and four councilmembers. Now is the time to make sure you are registered. Wondering what voters and potential candidates need to know now? We've got answers to help ensure your ballot gets to you, and you get on the ballot:

How can I vote?

In early October, ballots will be sent to every registered voter living within Rockville city limits, using the address on their registration. Voters will fill out a ballot and return it by mail (no postage required) or at the vote center or drop box at City Hall.

How do I register to vote?

Every U.S. citizen living within Rockville city limits and over the age of 18 by Nov. 5, 2019 is eligible to vote in the city election. To be sure your ballot gets to you, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/election to:

- Check your address.
- Update your information.



- Register to vote.

You may also register to vote:

- In-person at Rockville City Hall, a public library, a U.S. post office or a Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office.
- By phone at 240-777-VOTE or 240-777-8500.

How secure is Vote by Mail?

Voting by mail is one of the most secure ways to vote. Every step in the ballot process is protected, starting with the ballots being sent in a secured envelope.

How do I become a candidate?

Candidate application information will be available beginning Wednesday, May 1 at www.rockvillemd.gov/election. The deadline to file as a candidate is Thursday, Sept. 5. ✚



More Pedestrian Safety Improvements Coming to Town Center

The city is taking steps to improve pedestrian safety in Rockville Town Center following several crashes involving vehicles and pedestrians at Beall Avenue's intersections with Gibbs Street and Maryland Avenue.

In March, following a review of options, City Manager Rob DiSpirito instructed staff to do the following:

- Install pedestrian-activated flashing devices at the crosswalks at Beall Avenue and Gibbs Street, and Beall and

Maryland avenues.

- Work with Pepco to expedite the installation of two mast-arm street lights at each intersection. The lights were scheduled to be installed in mid-April.
- Reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph, which was done in mid-April, and conduct a study to see if lower speeds are an option.
- Remove two small trees that partially obstructed pedestrian crossing signs and pedestrians'

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City Hall to Close for Memorial Day

Recycling and Trash Collected One Day Later During the Holiday Week

Rockville City Hall and some city facilities will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Recycling, trash and yard waste collection will be made one day later throughout the holiday week. Find more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash.

The following Rockville facilities will be closed May 27:

- Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office. Tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.
- Glenview Mansion.
- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers.
- Rockville Senior Center.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Outdoor pools open at noon. Due to the city's Memorial Day parade, access to the center's parking lot will be restricted until after noon. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter for individual pool schedules, or call 240-314-8750.

Parking will be free at city-owned meters on May 27.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✚

Gear Up for Bike to Work Day and Show a Rival How Rockville Rides

Riding a bike offers a cheap, environmentally friendly alternative to your daily commute, that's healthy and fun. Trade your gas pedal for bicycle pedals on Bike to Work Day, from 6:30-9 a.m. Friday, May 17. Or make it a monthlong celebration of Bike Month (see page 2).

Rockville is once again stoking a friendly rivalry with the City of Frederick and competing to see which city will register more cyclists for Bike to Work Day. Help Rockville win bragging rights by registering at one of two city-sponsored pit stops. Participants who register by Friday, May 10 and stop by pit stops at Rockville Town Square or Falls Grove receive a free T-shirt, refreshments and inspiration before their ride to work. They'll also be entered for a raffle to win a new bike. Visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org for registration, an interactive map of pit stop locations and



more information.

Rockville's YouTube channel has a series of safety tips for bicyclists. Visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search for "bike safety."

Learn more about bicycling in Rockville at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. ✚



OUTDOOR POOL OPENS MAY 25... See article on page 9.

Rockville Seeks Solutions for Site of Vacant Shopping Center

The City of Rockville wants to hear from the public about what they'd like to see happen at a 7.32-acre former shopping center at the corner of Wootton Parkway and Hurley Avenue.

The Rockshire Village Center site, which was once anchored by a Giant food store, has been mostly empty since 2012 and is now completely vacant.

The city has hired a consultant/facilitator to hear directly

from the community and will hold a community meeting from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Korean Presbyterian Church at 800 Hurley Ave.

The consultant will also be meeting separately with the property owners at a later date to hear their ideas.

Register for the meeting at <http://bit.ly/RockshireFuture2019>. Registration is appreciated but not required. ✚

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www.rockvillemd.gov/fraud-waste-abuse.

Bike Rack Grants Available for Businesses

Bicycle parking means business. Studies show that businesses with bicycle parking near their storefront get a measurable sales boost.

Business owners without bicycle parking near their shop or office could qualify for a rack — provided and installed for free by the City of Rockville — under the city's Bike Rack Grant Program. Learn more about the program and find an application by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling and selecting "Bicycle Parking."

Residents interested in seeing bicycle parking at specific locations can direct business owners to the website. For more information, contact Rockville's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at 240-314- 8527 or bikeways@rockvillemd.gov.

Register Your Bicycle

Registering your bike with the Rockville City Police Department makes it more likely that it could be recovered should it be lost or stolen. Once registered, bike owners are given a small sticker to attach to the bike frame. To register your bike and receive a registration sticker, visit the Rockville City Police Station at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. or fill out a form at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling. For more, call 240-314-8900 or email publicsafety@rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor the City's First Responders

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation will be honored for their service to the community at the Rockville Public Safety Awards on Wednesday, June 12 at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon.

Tickets are \$35 per person on or before Monday, May 27. After May 27, tickets are \$40 per person. For more information, and to register, visit www.rockvillechamber.org/events/details/30th-annual-rockville-public-safety-awards.



Putting Rockville's Stamp On It

Representatives from the U.S. Postal Service will join the Mayor and Council and Peerless Rockville in the lobby of the Rockville City Police Department station, at 2 W. Montgomery Ave., for a second-day stamp issue event at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 23. A reception will follow at the Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square. The mural of Sugarloaf Mountain in the police station's lobby is part of the U.S. Postal Service's 2019 Forever Stamp series. To learn more about the stamp and the mural, visit <https://rockvillereports.com/police-station-lobby-mural-to-be-featured-in-postage-stamp>.

Pedal Power to the People: May is Bike Month

Bike Month Kickoff Ride

10 a.m. Saturday, April 27.
Meet at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Join Rockville officials and neighbors to celebrate National Bike Month. Pedal a casual 6-mile loop along multi-use trails and quiet residential streets to explore some of the city's extensive and diverse bicycling infrastructure. The route includes a few paths, bridges and tunnels.

Tour de Cookie

8 a.m. Saturday, May 4.
Meet at Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus, 9601 Medical Center Drive.

Join the Tree House Child Advocacy Center for a 12-, 18-, 27- or 43-mile bike ride to collect cookies and enjoy the scenery, while raising awareness of child abuse prevention. Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee will support this ride with marshals and mechanics.

Register to ride at www.tourdecookie.com.

National Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 8.

Celebrate the benefits of biking and walking to school along with communities, schools and families around the country. Learn more, and register your school, at www.walkbiketoschool.org.

13th Annual Rockville Ride of Silence

6:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.
Meet in front of Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., in Rockville Town Square.

Bring a helmet and bike for an hourlong police-escorted 10-mile ride through neighborhoods, as part of an international event that honors those killed or injured on a bicycle. Riders must be comfortable riding on the street, with traffic, at a pace of about 10 mph. For more information, including the ride's history, visit www.rideofsilence.org.

National Bike to Work Day

6:30 a.m. Friday, May 17.

City-sponsored pit stops in Rockville Town Center and Falls Grove. Rockville is competing for bragging rights with Frederick to see which city will register more cyclists (see article on page 1). Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org to help Rockville win. Remember to use #btwdmc on Instagram and Twitter.

Tuesday Evening Rides

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

- June 4-25; Meet at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm.
- July 2-30; Meet in the Westat parking lot, 1450 Research Blvd.
- Aug. 6-27; Meet at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

A casual neighborhood ride that will last about one hour. Routes are on paved, shared-use paths, sidewalks and short sections of quiet streets. Rides go at the pace of the slowest rider, so no one

gets left behind. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. Learn more at www.meetup.com/bikerockville.

Ride the Rockville Bike Beltway

10 a.m. Sunday, June 16.
Meet at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Ride the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, an 11-mile shared-use path that loops around Rockville. Rain at the start cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee

7-9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, at City Hall.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac. 🌟

Find more about biking in Rockville at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling.

City Seeks Input on Recommended Improvements to Development Review and Permitting Processes

The Planning and Development Services Department will hold two feedback sessions that will seek input from homeowners, builders, developers, neighborhood associations, civic groups and the public on recommended short-term improvements to Rockville's development review and permitting process.

Those interested can attend either of the sessions, which will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 and 2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The sessions are part of a larger initiative underway to improve the city's development review and permitting processes to make them faster, smarter and more transparent (under a project named FaST).

Information on proposed changes to the city's water

and sewer and streets and public improvements regulations will also be available. These codes regulate the development review and permitting process for water, sewer and roads.

Among the Mayor and Council's top priorities are efficient and effective services, and supporting economic development by encouraging new investment through a process that balances and respects private and community interests.

The short-term recommendations, which the public will be asked to consider at the feedback sessions, will be presented to the Mayor and Council at their Monday, May 6 meeting.

For an overview of the FaST process, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter and select the TV icon next to the Planning Commission's March 27 agenda item. 🌟

Information Session, Public Hearings Set for Rockville's Draft Comprehensive Plan

The Rockville Planning Commission will hold a final information session ahead of three public hearings in May and June for its draft of the Comprehensive Plan.

The interactive information session will help the public understand the contents of the draft plan and allow staff to answer questions about the plan's content and process.

The information session will be held 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 11 at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. An earlier information session was held on April 30.

The public hearings will all be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, Wednesday, May 22 and Tuesday, June 4 at City Hall.

The Planning Commission approved

the draft plan for release for public comment on Monday, March 13. It can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/Rockville2040.

A hard copy of the plan is available to view at the planning department on the second floor of City Hall, at Rockville Senior Center, and at the Twinbrook, Lincoln Park and Thomas Farm community centers.

For more information, contact planner Cindy Kebba at 240-314-8233.

Written testimony can be submitted by mail: City of Rockville Planning Commission, c/o Cindy Kebba, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850; or by email to planning.commission@rockvillemd.gov. 🌟

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WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING IN MAY? Sit up and pay attention — May is Correct Your Posture Month! That's not all. May also recognizes Asian Pacific American heritage, older Americans, eggs, hamburgers and salad, as well as awareness for Lyme disease, cystic fibrosis, strokes and mental health. June is for African-American music appreciation, roses, turkeys, DJs, accordions and — importantly — LGBTQIA Month.

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Meetings: Monday, May 6, 13 and 20 and June 3 and 17 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Virginia D. Onley on May 13 and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala on June 3.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville

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Agencies: Rockville's Financials Are 'Strong,' Expect Outlook to 'Remain Sound'

Reaffirmation of Triple-A Bond Rating Will Save Money

Two rating agencies recently reaffirmed the city's "triple A" bond rating and expressed confidence in the city's financial outlook.

Triple-A is the highest possible rating and saves Rockville taxpayers money by allowing the city to borrow at the lowest possible interest rates.

In awarding the triple-A rating, the agencies showed confidence in Rockville's ability to meet its financial obligations, cited the city's conservative fiscal management, its strong policies and practices, ample reserve levels and low direct debt burden.

"The city maintains a strong track of conservative budgeting and strong financial results, due in our view to a very strong management team with embedded formalized financial policies and practices, as well as very strong economic characteristics," Standard & Poor's said in its ratings report.

Moodys Investors Service expects the city's rating outlook to remain strong. "The outlook reflects the expectation that the city's financial position will remain sound given demonstrated trends of operating stability, fiscal monitoring, and adherence to formal policies," Moody's said in its report.

"Moving forward, I can assure you that the city's Finance staff will continue to give you guidance and make recommendations that are consistent with these statements," Gavin Cohen, the city's chief financial officer, said in an email to the Mayor and Council, reporting the ratings.

On April 3, the city sold \$14.8 million in general obligation bonds to FTN Financial Capital Markets at a 2.55% interest rate. The bond proceeds will be used to finance ongoing water main rehabilitation and improvements citywide; upgrades and expansion of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant, which treats the city's wastewater; and the purchase and renovation of 6 Taft Court, a three-story building on 2.29 acres of land, where the city will relocate its maintenance and emergency operations from the Gude Drive Maintenance Facility on Rothgeb Drive.

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to vote Monday, May 6 on the adoption of a proposed \$138.5 million budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1.

For more information on the city's budget, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. ✚

State Legislative Winners: Schools, Roads and Renewable Energy

Increased funding for schools, roads, and preserving local authority related to small cellular tower infrastructure were among the wins for Rockville during the 2019 Maryland General Assembly session that concluded April 8.

Lawmakers approved funds for addressing growing enrollment and overcrowding in county schools. That included a one-time infusion of \$25.9 million to Montgomery County through a state grant program focused on school systems with significant enrollment growth. Ultimately, the county is expected to receive more than the \$59.2 million in state aid for school construction assumed in County Executive Marc Elrich's recommended capital budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1.

Rockville will receive about \$2.7 million in highway user revenue for road maintenance and small infrastructure projects. This is the first year of a five-year funding increase included in the state budget. The increase will

help pay for bridge rehabilitation projects.

A bill, strongly opposed by the city, that would severely restrict the ability of municipalities to control the siting and installation of small cellular antennae and distributed antennae systems used in wireless networks was referred to summer study. So too was a bill that would allow municipalities to impose a fee for permit review and rental of space in a municipal right of way.

The General Assembly also passed legislation, supported by the Mayor and Council, that requires statewide action to increase the deployment of new renewable energy systems and the creation of more jobs in the clean energy sector, particularly solar and wind.

The District 17 delegation to the General Assembly will present the Mayor and Council with a report on the session on Monday, May 6. For more details, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115. ✚

Mayor and Council Seek Comments on Sign Ordinance Revisions at Public Hearing

Revisions to how Rockville regulates commercial signs are open to input from the public at a hearing before the Mayor and Council at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13.

The purpose of the proposed revisions is to address some regulatory issues and allow for more flexible designs.

The original sign code was enacted to minimize visual clutter along Rockville Pike. The proposed revisions are intended to respond to modern signage needs, while maintaining an aesthetic view for residents and visitors to the city.

Under city code, all temporary or permanent commercial signs require a sign permit, unless specifically exempted.

See a staff report on the proposal at bit.ly/SignOrdinanceRkv2019.

To testify, call 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. the day of the hearing or submit testimony in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk's Office/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast live on channel 11 on county cable systems, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 and available a day after the meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoondemand. ✚

Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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- sightlines. This was completed in late March.
- Raise the height of the pole-mounted signs at the approach to the crosswalks to improve sightlines for drivers and pedestrians.
- Increase Rockville City Police Department patrols to enforce speed and compliance with yielding to pedestrians on Beall Avenue.

DiSpirito also directed the installation of a pedestrian-activated flashing device at the intersection of Middle Avenue and Helen Heneghan Way. The midblock crossing had the highest pedestrian counts in a study last spring of Town Center crossings without a traffic signal or stop sign.

City staff is reviewing other intersections in Town Center, and citywide, for potential additional safety improvements. ✚

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City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Learn more below and find other ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27** Development Review Committee, 9 a.m.
- **May 2; June 6** Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **May 4; June 1** Board of Appeals* 9 a.m.
- **May 7** Asian Pacific American Task Force, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 8; June 12** Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- **May 8, 22; June 12, 26** Planning Commission* 7 p.m.
- **May 14; June 11** Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.
- **May 15** Board of Supervisors of Elections 6 p.m.
- **May 15; June 19** Rockville Sister City Corporation Board 7 p.m.
- **May 16, 30** Boards and Commission Task Force 7 p.m.
- **May 16; June 27** Recreation and Parks Advisory Board 7 p.m. (Note: May 16 at 6 p.m. Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive.)
- **May 16; June 20** Historic District Commission* 7:30 p.m.
- **May 21, June 18** Rockville Seniors, Inc. 2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- **May 22** Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **May 22; June 26** Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. David Scull Courts Comm. Center, 1133 First St.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (2)
- Compensation Commission (1)
- Historic District Commission (3 and 1 alt.)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (4)
- Rockville Housing Enterprise (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (5)
- Sign Review Board (2)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.

Public Input Sought on Accessory Structures

A workshop will be held in May so the public can learn more about proposed revisions to regulations that govern accessory buildings, apartments and dwelling units.

The workshop will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29 in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

At a work session in October, the Mayor and Council directed staff to develop zoning text amendments that would provide more opportunities for accessory apartments and separate accessory dwelling units to be built on existing single-family lots.

In addition, after hearing feedback from the public, the Mayor and Council wanted to consider more flexibility in the size of accessory buildings (for example, garages) for single-family homes.

Two text amendments were presented at the Mayor and Council's meeting on Monday, April 8: one addressing residential accessory buildings in residential, mixed-use transition (MXT) and historic district zones; and a companion item with proposed changes to the regulations for accessory apartments and accessory dwelling units.

For more information on the proposed revisions, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter, select the April 8 meeting and see items 8 and 9.

Vendors Wanted for Rocktoberfest

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed crafts, for Rockville's second annual Rocktoberfest celebration, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 3,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, German food, beverages from local breweries in souvenir mugs, kids activities and an artisan area.

Booths for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Find an application and learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest or contact Amanda Knox at aknox@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8620.

Rockville Police Station Offers a Safe Haven for Online Transactions

You're looking to sell that old coffee table but you're reluctant to invite a stranger into your home to complete the sale. Look no further than the Rockville City Police Department station, which offers its parking lot as a safe place for buyers and sellers to complete a transaction arranged through online services.

The parking lot of the station, at 2 W. Montgomery Ave., is well-lit, under constant video surveillance and open to the public for transactions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The RCPD offers these recommendations for buying or selling items via an online service:

- Ask questions before going to buy an item. If the seller can't answer questions, there is a strong possibility they may not actually have the item and could be looking to commit a crime.
- Consider not buying from sellers who only list an email address. This could be a sign that the seller has something to hide. Request a telephone num-

ber and be cautious if they refuse.

- Meet in a public place, like a police station. Criminals seek easy targets and do not want witnesses.
- Do not go alone. Ask a friend to accompany you.
- Never go to a second location. If you arrive at a prearranged meeting place and are asked to go somewhere else, refuse.
- Trust your instincts. If a deal sounds too good to be true, it more than likely is.
- Stay in communication. Let your spouse, friends, family or coworkers know where you are going, who you are meeting and when you will be back.
- Be on guard and be smart. Don't wear expensive or "flashy" clothing. Doing so can invite criminal activity.
- Report suspicious activity. Call Rockville police at 240-314-8900.

Learn more about the RCPD and its programs and services at www.rockvillemd.gov/crime-safety. ❖

Making A Welcoming Space for Inmates and Their Kids

Program Helps Pre-Release Clients be Stronger, More Confident Parents

For Kate Bouwkamp, the stark tile floors, plastic chairs and glass and metal walls of the visitation room at the Montgomery County Pre-Release Center were far from the kind of supportive environment soon-to-be free clients needed to best bond with their children.

The space was simply "not developmentally appropriate or friendly," said Bouwkamp, the community services program coordinator with Rockville's Community Services Division. Because of her work at the pre-release center, Bouwkamp decided to do something about it. The county-run center provides transitional services and support to soon-to-be released sentenced and incarcerated adults.

The Montgomery County Collaboration Council approached the

City of Rockville for a special project to support families who are facing the reality of incarceration. The city was provided funding to create two warmer and more welcoming visitation spaces at the center — one in the visitation area, another in the women's wing. Staff at the center were excited for the changes and have been working closely with Bouwkamp on the project.

Both spaces, which are due to be complete in June, will help foster play and improve interactions between parents and children. They will feature interactive, wall-mounted fixtures, games, books and other enriching activities so parents can spend quality time with their children during visits.

Bouwkamp is no stranger... *continued on pg. 12...*

See Where It All Starts at Public Works Week Equipment Show

Display of the City's Big Trucks Moves to Stepanek Park

Rockville will join the American Public Works Association to celebrate National Public Works Week from Monday, May 20-Friday, May 24.

The highlight of the week will be the annual Equipment Show from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23. This year's show will be held at Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, due to renovations at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center (see page 9), where it has traditionally been held. Kids — and kids at heart — will be able to climb into the operator's seat of some of the big trucks used by the city's Department of Public Works.

The free show includes public works displays, demonstrations, balloons, popcorn, coloring books and other giveaways, and the chance to meet some of the public works employees who provide the important services that keep Rockville running. It features exhibits on recycling and refuse, environmental management, the city's water treatment plant, water and sewer operations, and stormwater management. School and daycare groups are welcome.

APWA first sponsored National Public Works Week in 1960. Today, more than 28,000 APWA members in the U.S. and Canada use the



week to energize and educate the public about the important contributions of public works, including planning, building, managing and operating infrastructure and services in our communities.

This year's Public Works Week theme, "It Starts Here," celebrates the many facets of modern civilization that public works services contribute to our quality of life, including infrastructure, growth and innovation, mobility, security and healthy communities. Follow the celebration on Facebook and Twitter at #NPWW and #ItStartsHere.

Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, streets, recycling and trash, transportation, fleet services, engineering, and environmental and right-of-way management.

To learn more about Rockville's Department of Public Works and its celebration of National Public Works Week, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks or call 240-314-8500. ❖

RedGate Discussion to Continue at June 17 Mayor and Council Meeting

The Mayor and Council will hold a follow-up discussion, Monday, June 17, on the former RedGate Golf Course property.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Mayor and Council chambers at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

The 18-hole, city-owned RedGate Golf Course closed Dec. 31, following an announcement by operator Billy Casper Golf that it would end its leasing relationship with the City of Rockville by the end of 2018.

The Mayor and Council were briefed in February on a strategic report pre-

pared by the National Golf Foundation evaluating the facility's long-term future. That report is available at bit.ly/NGFRedGateReport.

More details on the May 20 meeting will be available closer to that date at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Rockville Mayor and Council meetings are broadcast live on channel 11 on county cable systems, livestreamed at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 and available a day after the meeting at www.rockvillemd.gov/videoon-demand. ❖

How to prevent mosquito breeding sites in and around your home

You can help control mosquitoes at home by following the simple actions below and online.



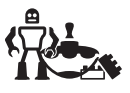
MAKE SURE all tanks, water deposits and containers are covered and sealed to keep out mosquitoes



CHANGE the water and brush the insides of sinks and water barrels at least once a week



TURN OVER containers that cannot be thrown away and protect them from rain



STORE toys indoors to prevent water accumulation — some toys have inner compartments that can hold water



SAFELY DISPOSE OF any unused containers and objects that can accumulate water



POUR OUT water from flower pots and planters and replace with damp sand



CHANGE the water in pet bowls at least once a week



CLEAN ALL gutters and ensure water flows freely



KEEP swimming pools adequately treated with recommended products



REPLACE drains with smooth piping or treat with a larvicide

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MORE NEWS, MORE OFTEN, ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofrockville): Say goodbye to Rockville City Police K-9 Recon, who's retiring from the force; find out all about Laura Fawks Lapole, Croydon Creek Nature Center's new assistant supervisor; and what you need to know about Edmonston Drive bridge work.



31st Annual
HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS
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MUSICFEST

IN ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

SATURDAY **MAY 25**
SUNDAY **MAY 26**
& MONDAY **MAY 27**



New Orleans Suspects Tribal Gold - Saturday at 4:30 p.m.



Dumpstaphunk - Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE	STAGES	TIMES	SATURDAY, MAY 25	SUNDAY, MAY 26
	Bud Light 12-8 p.m.	12-1:30 p.m.		The Fishermen Band, <i>Pop/Folk/Reggae/Rock</i>
		2-3:30 p.m.	Justin Trawick & The Common Good, <i>Americana</i>	Lloyd Dobler Effect, <i>Rock/Pop</i>
		4:30-6 p.m.	New Orleans Suspects Tribal Gold, <i>Funk</i>	Kelly Bell Band, <i>Phat Blues Music</i>
		6:30-8 p.m.	Dumpstaphunk, <i>Funk</i>	The Nighthawks, <i>Blues</i>
	Maryland Avenue 12:30-8 p.m.	12:30-2 p.m.	DeSanguashington, <i>Colombian Folk</i>	Moose Jaw Bluegrass, <i>Progressive Bluegrass</i>
		2:30-4 p.m.	As If, '90s Cover Band	8 Ohms Band, <i>Funk/Soul/Reggae</i>
		4:30-6 p.m.	Phillip Michael Parsons, <i>Country</i>	Remember Jones, <i>Pop/Soul/Rock</i>
		6:30-8 p.m.	The Black Lillies, <i>Americana/Rock/Blues/Soul</i>	Them Vibes, <i>Rock/Americana</i>
	Hungerford's Tavern 12-7:30 p.m.	12-1:30 p.m.	Hayley Fahey, <i>Singer/Songwriter/Indie Pop</i>	The Digits!, <i>Covers</i>
		2-3:30 p.m.	Mike Surratt and the Continentals, <i>Polka</i>	Bencoolen, <i>Maximalist Rock/Alt-Rock</i>
		4-5:30 p.m.	Taller Tales, <i>Alt-Rock</i>	Dublin 5, <i>Irish Rock</i>
		6-7:30 p.m.	Sub-Radio, <i>Indie Pop</i>	Jah Works, <i>Reggae</i>
	Town Square 12-7 p.m.	12-12:45 p.m.	Rockville Evergreen, <i>Dance</i>	The Victorian Lyric Opera Company, <i>Opera</i>
		1:15-2 p.m.	Reptiles Alive!, <i>Reptile Show</i>	Bach to Rock, <i>Variety</i>
		2:30-3:15 p.m.	Reptiles Alive!, <i>Reptile Show</i>	Bach to Rock, <i>Variety</i>
		3:45-4:30 p.m.	Kidsinger Jim, <i>Children's Music</i>	Here Comes Trouble, <i>Kids Band</i>
		5-5:45 p.m.	Kidsinger Jim, <i>Children's Music</i>	Here Comes Trouble, <i>Kids Band</i>
		6-7 p.m.	RTC Dancers, <i>Breakdancing</i>	RTC Dancers, <i>Breakdancing</i>

Schedule and times subject to change.

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HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS
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MUSICFEST

12-8 P.M.
SATURDAY
MAY 25
& SUNDAY
MAY 26

Start your summer off with a Rockville tradition this Memorial Day weekend, as entertainers from around the country descend on the city for the 31st annual Hometown Holidays.

The festival will feature performances by more than 30 groups on four stages on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26. Visitors will enjoy rock, reggae, funk, Americana, pop and country music throughout the festival.

The weekend also features the Taste of Rockville, with food from local restaurants, kids amusements (including the return of "the beach" sand pile) and the 75th annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 27.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH

The Hometown Holidays Music Fest website will help festival-goers get ready for the weekend and get around while they are there. On the mobile site you will find:

- The complete festival lineup and performance schedule.
- Taste of Rockville participating restaurants and menus.
- Memorial Day ceremony and parade schedule and details.
- A festival map including parking options. The festival is just a five-minute walk from the Rockville Metro station.

HTH Highlights

Taste of Rockville

Located along Courthouse Square. Tickets are \$1.25 and can be purchased at a Taste of Rockville ticket booth. Sponsored by and benefiting the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Community Ministries of Rockville.

Enjoy tastes from Amici Mie Ristorante, Armand's Pizzeria & Grille, Bibibop Asian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, California Tortilla, Catering by Pike Kitchen, Dawson's Market, Kusshi Sushi, La Tasca, Mahshad Modern Persian Kitchen, Not Your Average Joe's Kitchen & Bar, Pike Kitchen, Pinstripes, Saffron Indian Cuisine, Spice Xing, Thai Pavilion, Trapezaria, and Xi'an Gourmet.

Community Partners

Located along East Middle Lane. Visit with organizations that are doing great work in our community.

Kids Activities

Located at Rt. 355 and East Middle Lane. Amusements for children of all ages, provided by Ultimate Amusements. Fee for activities.

Kids Performances

Don't miss a variety of kid-friendly performances on the Town Square Stage on Maryland Avenue, including singers, dancers and more.

The Beach

Build a sand castle or enjoy a drink with your feet in the sand. Thrive Yoga will host a yoga session at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 26 on the beach on East Middle Lane.

Hometown Holidays Mug

Makes a great souvenir! Purchase an HTH mug at any beverage booth and your first beverage is included. Mugs are \$10. Booths accept cash and credit.



City of Rockville Booth

Located along Maryland Avenue. Visit the City of Rockville booth for giveaways and information about city programs and services.

The Black Lillies - Saturday at 6:30 p.m.



Them Vibes - Sunday at 6:30 p.m.



Remember Jones - Sunday at 4:30 p.m.



HTH Site Map for Saturday and Sunday



75TH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 27 • ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

9 a.m. • ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS

The City of Rockville-supported volunteer band and the Rockville Community Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America.

9:30 a.m. • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony, in the plaza at Rockville Town Square, includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus; a traditional wreath laying, led by American Legion Post 86; and the presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and Rockville City Police Department Honor Guard.

To mark the 75th anniversary of Rockville's Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade, Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton will read the names of Rockville residents who have died in military service to our country.

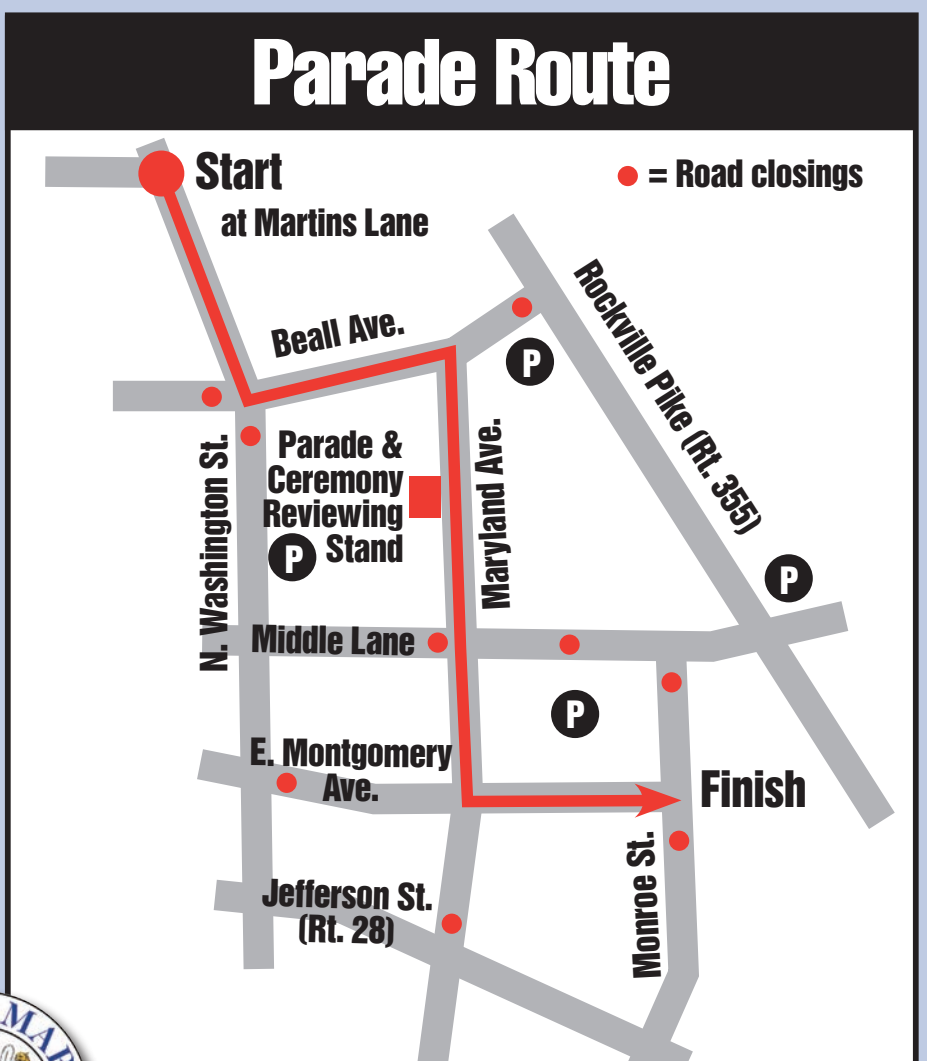
10:30 a.m. • 75th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After the ceremony, the parade proceeds from Martins Lane and North Washington Street, turning left on Beall Avenue, turning down Maryland Avenue through Rockville Town Center and making a left on East Montgomery Avenue. The parade has something for everyone, with drill teams, marching bands, multicultural community groups, military units and more.



Master of Ceremonies: MELISSA MOLLET

Melissa Mollet is an Emmy Award-winning traffic and transit reporter for NBC4 in Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Gaithersburg High School. She lives in Rockville with her husband, son, two daughters and a dog.



General Information

- Bring beach chairs/blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so that those around you can see the show too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- For safety, bikes, skateboards and inline skates are not permitted to be ridden in the event area.
- For your safety, no glass containers.
- HTH supports Rockville's sustainability efforts, with reusable mugs and onsite recycling bins.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH.

Assistance Needed: Rockville strives to provide access to all programs and services, regardless of disability. Contact the ADA coordinator at 240-314-8100, TDD 240-314-8137, with questions regarding access to Hometown Holidays. Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for Monday's Memorial

Day ceremony and parade.

Getting There

By Public Transit: Take Metro's Red Line to the Rockville station. Exit on the Rockville Pike side and follow the sounds of music across the street to Middle Lane. MARC train service will not run Memorial Day weekend.

By Car:

- The festival is located in Rockville Town Center.
- From I-270, take either exit 5 or exit 6 and go east into Rockville. Follow signs for parking.
- From Route 355/Rockville Pike, going north into Rockville, turn left onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.
- From upcounty using Route 355/Rockville Pike, drive south into Rockville and use the Rockville Town Square parking garage located off Route 355/Rockville Pike, or turn right onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.

By Bike: Rockville is a bike-friendly community, with sev-

eral Capital Bikeshare stations, including one at Maryland and East Montgomery avenues. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling.

Parking

Free parking is available at the Metro lots (Sunday and Monday only), City Hall lots and jury lot. **Paid parking** is available for \$5 in the Rockville Town Square garage off Route 355 or North Washington Street from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, May 27. Cash and credit accepted. Regular Town Square parking rates apply at all other times. Handicap parking is available in town center garages.

Getting Home

Drive Sober: Get a ride home (up to a \$35 fare, including tip). Call 301-984-1900 and use the password "Hometown." Brought to you by the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation and Barwood Taxi.

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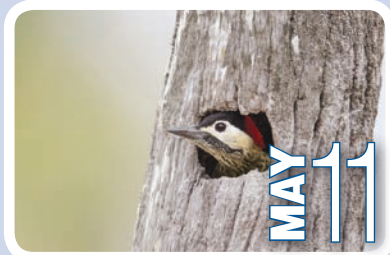
May/June CALENDAR

CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

FACILITIES LEGEND:

SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



MAY

3 SLIME TIME AT TWINBROOK. Get squishy! Kids create their own special slime. For ages 8-11. \$10 R/\$12 NR. Register for course #9306. 7-9 p.m. **TC**

3,4,5,10,11,12 "SHERLOCK'S VEILED SECRET," PRESENTED BY ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE. See article on page 10. **FSF**

4,5 SEVENTH ANNUAL ROCKVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL. See article on page 11. Free. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

4 SPRING OUTDOOR YARD SALE. Must register per course #. City-provided table, \$30, course #9409; additional table, \$30, course #9410; bring your own table, \$20, course #9411. 8 a.m.-noon. Richard Montgomery H.S. parking lot, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr. Rain date: May 5.

4 TOUR DE COOKIE. See "Bike Month" article on page 2. 8 a.m.

4 LITTLE ACORNS: SPRING BABIES. Children ages 18-36 months explore nature through play-based activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register for course #8951. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

4 ROCKVILLE BREWSHED: BREWER'S HIKE. Hike the Hayes Forest Preserve to gather inspiration for True Respite Company's next beer. After, hike participants head over to True Respite for 15% off beers. 21 and older. \$4 R/\$5 NR. Register for course #9027. 2-3 p.m. **CC**

4 CROYDON CREEK CAMPFIRE: NATURE TRIVIA. Adults must accompany children. All participants must register (including adults). Ages 3 and older. \$5 R/\$6 NR. Register for course #9013. 4-5 p.m. **CC**

5 RAINSCAPES REBATES INFORMATION SESSION. See article on page 9. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

5 INVASIVE SPECIES PULL. Improve the health of the watershed by removing invasive plant species. No advanced registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. See article on page 9. 1:30-4:30 p.m. **CC**

7,9 DECK BUILDING, PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION CLASS. Geared toward homeowners and small contractors, this free class during Building Safety Month covers what you need to know if you want to build a deck for your home. See Building Safety Month article on page 9. May 7, 10:30 a.m. and May 9, 6:30 p.m. **CH**

7 SOLAR CO-OP INFORMATION MEETING. See article on page 9. 7-8:30 p.m. **CH**

9 NATURE TOTS: SOIL SLEUTHS. For children ages 2-5. A naturalist leads you through play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #8958. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

11 SPRING BIRD WALK. Discover the joy of watching birds on a morning walk. For beginning birders. Binoculars provided or bring your own. Ages 18 and older. \$5 R/\$6 NR. Register for course #9023. 8-9:30 a.m. **CC**

11 SECOND ANNUAL TAIWAN BUBBLE TEA FESTIVAL. Hosted by Rockville Sister City Corporation with Rockville Yilan City Corporation. Open to all. Live bands, cultural performances and booths. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

11 MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY. Celebrate Mother's Day with a whimsical afternoon of tea, refreshments, games, crafts and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must register. Ages 2 and older. Preregister with course #9337: \$12 R/\$15 NR. \$15 per person at the door. 2-4 p.m. **TF**

15 LITTLE ACORNS: MEADOW DISCOVERY. Children ages 18-36 months explore nature through play-based activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register for course #8952. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

17 NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY. See "Bike Month" on page 2. 6:30 a.m.

18 KIDS TO PARKS DAY. See article on page 11. 9-5 p.m. **CC**

18,25 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKETS. See article on page 12. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., jury parking lot at East Jefferson (Route 28) and Monroe streets.

18 NATURE TOTS: POLLINATORS. Discover the wonders of nature with children ages 2-5 as a naturalist leads you through play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #9009. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

18,19 "DREAMS," PRESENTED BY BETHESDA CONSERVATORY OF DANCE. See article on page 10. **FSF**

18 2019 TAIWAN FIESTA PRESENTED BY DA-GUAN DANCE THEATER. Co-sponsored by Rockville Sister City Corp, Taiwanese Association of America Great Washington Chapter and Taiwanese Youth Arts Foundation. 6:30 p.m. Wootton H.S. auditorium, 2100 Wootton Pkwy.

19 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: SOIL INVESTIGATIONS. Scientists ages 6-8 investigate science topics through hands-on activities and time spent exploring the forest preserve. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #8960. 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Tickets available at bit.ly/DaGuanRKY. **CC**

19 "LOVE SONGS IN SPRING" PRESENTED BY THE ROCKVILLE CHORUS. No tickets required; \$5 suggested donation. 7:30 p.m. **FSF**

23 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK EQUIPMENT SHOW. See article on page 4. Free. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

23 POLICE STATION MURAL STAMP SECOND-DAY ISSUE. 11 a.m. Rockville City Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave. See article on page 2.

25,26 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS MUSIC FESTIVAL. See insert, pages 5-6.

27 75TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE. See insert, page 7.

31 WATER SAFETY DAY. Hosted by the cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville. Learn how to be safe in and around the pool this summer. Free. 3:30-6:30 p.m. Gaithersburg Water Park, 512 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg.

JUNE

1,8,15,22,29 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKETS. See article on page 12.

1 LITTLE ACORNS: BEAKS AND FEET. Children ages 18-36 months explore nature through play-based activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. \$7 R/\$9 NR. Register for course #8953. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

1 FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE. Dancing, delicious treats and crafts. Pre-register for course #9828. \$20 R/\$25 NR for first child; \$15 per additional child. 6-8 p.m. **TR**

1 "30TH ANNIVERSARY," PRESENTED BY THE WASHINGTON BALALAIKA SOCIETY. See article on page 10. 8 p.m. **FSF**

4,11,18,25 ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY EVENING RIDES. See article on page 2. 6:30 p.m. Starts at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive.

6 KNOW THE RISKS OPIOID EDUCATION FORUM. See ad on page 10. Register for course #9440. Free. 1-3 p.m. **SR**

7,8,9,14,15,16 "PRINCESS IDA," PRESENTED BY THE VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY. See article on page 10. **FSF**

7 TEENS SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY. Safe, secure, supervised and for teens only. First-come, first served. School ID required. 7-9:30 p.m. VisArts rooftop, 155 Gibbs St.

12 ROCKVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS. See article on page 2.

13 GLENVIEW SPEAKER SERIES: THE EVOLUTION OF PARKS IN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE. Presented by Steve Mader, superintendent of parks. Free. 7-8:30 p.m. **GM**

15 NATURE TOTS: LADYBUGS. For children ages 2-5. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #9010. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

15 THIRD ANNUAL ROCKVILLE PRIDE. See article on page 11. Free. 2-4 p.m. Rockville Town Square.

16 CARL HENN MILLENNIUM TRAIL RIDE. See "Bike Month" on page 2. Free. 10 a.m. **SR**

16 OUTDOOR SCIENCE CLUB: WATERSHEDS. Scientists ages 6-8 investigate science topics through hands-on activities. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #8961. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

19 VISARTS CREATE AT ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE: TRY THE WHEEL. See article on page 11. Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs St.

22 SUDS & SOLES 5K. See article on page 12. Rockville Town Center.

26 CREATE AT ROCKVILLE TOWN SQUARE: ROCKVILLE ROCKS FOR PEACE. See article on page 11. Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs St.

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX



Street Paving Scheduled to Begin in May for Neighborhoods East of MD 355

The city is scheduled to resurface roads in the East Rockville and Twinbrook neighborhoods, beginning in mid-May and continuing for about four months, depending on the weather.

“No parking” signs will be posted within 48 hours of the start of work. Temporary traffic stoppages are necessary for safety but should have minimal impact on traffic. The schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and coordination with other utility work.

Paving occurs in three phases and will take place between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. The first phase involves milling, to grind down the existing asphalt surface. Street access may be blocked for five- to 10-minute periods to move equipment or work near driveways. Residents are asked to follow flagger directions and be patient. A vacuum sweeper truck will closely follow the milling operation to remove loose material.

The second phase involves lowering or raising existing utilities, such as manholes and water valves, to the new street grade, and patching and repairing the asphalt base. This work may begin before the first phase is complete.

In the third phase, new asphalt is placed from curb to curb. This moves more slowly than the milling operation

and may have greater impact on access to and from driveways. Immediately before placing the hot asphalt, the contractor will spray a tack coat of liquid asphalt onto the street surface in segments about 500 feet ahead of the paving machine. Do not attempt to drive through this liquid asphalt, as it may damage tires, stick to vehicles and be tracked onto driveways.

The new asphalt surface is applied at a high temperature – generally about 200 degrees. It is immediately rolled for compaction, cools quickly and is safe to drive on about 10 minutes after compaction rolling is complete. If paving operations are close to your driveway, check with the construction crew before attempting to drive onto the street. Pedestrians should use extreme caution and children should never be allowed to play around the new surface on the day it is placed.

Rockville streets are evaluated and maintained through the asphalt maintenance program, which is funded annually through the city’s Capital Improvements Program. Rockville repaves streets to create a smoother drive for motorists and to preserve the integrity of roads.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/street-repairs to learn more and find updated paving schedules. ❖

Building Safety Month Highlights Importance of Modern Building Codes, Strong Code Enforcement

May is the 39th year for Building Safety Month, a campaign to raise awareness about safe and sustainable structures. This year’s theme for the international campaign is “No code. No confidence.”

“Building Safety Month is a chance to celebrate the entire building safety community and to educate others about the importance of the codes to each and every one of us,” International Code Council Board President William Bryant said. The ICC promotes Building Safety Month each year.

On Monday, April 29, the Mayor and Council were scheduled to issue a proclamation declaring May as Building Safety Month in Rockville.

“[T]he City of Rockville recognizes that our strength and growth depends on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our community, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster,” the proclamation states.

Most U.S. communities, including Maryland and the City of Rockville, have adopt-

ed and enforce ICC codes and standards. In Rockville, the Inspection Services Division regulates state-mandated building codes and ordinances by issuing permits and contractor licenses, reviewing plans, and inspecting all phases of residential and commercial construction, to ensure buildings and structures under construction are safe, code-compliant and in conformance with approved plans.

Each week of May is dedicated to a different aspect of building safety:

- **May 1-5:** Preparing for disasters: Build strong, build smart.
- **May 6-12:** Ensuring a safer future through training and education.
- **May 13-19:** Securing clean, abundant water for all communities.
- **May 20-26:** Construction professionals and homeowners: partners in safety.
- **May 27-31:** Innovations in building safety.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/inspection-services to learn more about the Inspection Services Division, and www.buildingsafetymonth.org for information on Building Safety Month. ❖

Get Your Summer Swim On

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center’s outdoor recreation pool, complete with large slide, sprayground and tot pool, will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 25).

The outdoor fitness pool will open in May. Spring’s unpredictable weather means the exact date for the official first day for the fitness pool is still developing.

Plan ahead for your visit. Renovation and expansion

work at the center means the lobby and locker rooms will be closed, so make sure to enter from the outdoor pool entrance. Most of the work will take place over the summer months when customers can use the outdoor bathhouse while the indoor locker rooms are closed.

Check the swim center’s website and sign up for the email newsletter at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter to stay updated. ❖

Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation Ordinance to go Into Effect July 1

An ordinance that will go into effect July 1 will require carbon monoxide detectors in Rockville homes built prior to 2008 that have a fuel-burning appliance or attached garage.

The city ordinance, passed by the Mayor and Council in November, incorporates legislation passed by the county in October. The July 1 enactment date was intended to allow residents time to understand and comply with the new requirement.

Specifically, the county bill requires owners of single-unit, two-unit and townhouse dwelling units, with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages that were permitted before Jan. 1, 2008, to install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.

Since 2008, all new single-family dwellings and townhouses in the state have been required to install carbon monoxide detectors. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause serious injury or death.

Rockville’s Senior Services Department can help Rockville residents age 60 and older find and install carbon monoxide detectors

For help with information and referrals to purchase detectors, and assistance with installation, residents age 60 and older can contact senior services home maintenance coordinator Jerry Jones by email at gjones@rockvillemd.gov or by phone at 240-314-8819.

Here Comes the Solar Co-op

Homeowners looking to save on energy costs by using green energy should save the date for Tuesday, May 7, when the city will host an informational meeting, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., about an upcoming solar co-op opportunity.

The co-op presents an opportunity for homeowners interested in installing solar panels on their home to receive technical assistance and guidance throughout the process. While each participant signs an independent contract with the installer for their own system, they band together to negotiate a volume discount and reduce the total cost of installation.

To learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/solarhomes.

Go Green in May

Rockville’s Croydon Creek Nature Center, at 852 Avery Road, offers several opportunities to go green in May.

Join the **Rockville Brewshed**, from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, as Kenny Allen, head brewer for True Respite Brewing Company, leads a streamside hike in the Hayes Forest Preserve to gather inspiration for the brewery’s next beer. Then head to True Respite to enjoy 15% off beers for hike participants 21 and over. Cost is \$4 for residents/\$5 nonresidents. Register for course #9027 at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Learn how to save money, reduce runoff and replace weedy areas of your yard at a free **RainScapes Rebates information session** from 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Single-family homeowners and nonprofits, including religious institutions, private schools and homeowners associations, can receive up to \$4,800 in rebates through Rockville’s RainScapes Rebates program. The program offers rebates for planting trees and native plants, installing rain barrels, and removing pavement and installing pervious pavers. To register, call 240-314-8877 or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name, phone number and address. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

Work with a regional expert to **pull invasive plants** and improve the health of the watershed from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Gloves will be provided. No registration necessary. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Student Service Learning hours are available. Call 240-314-8770 for details.

Money Available to Help Homeowners Save by Lowering Energy Costs State Program Offers Aid for Energy-Efficient Home Improvements

For the first time ever, low- to moderate-income homeowners in Rockville could be eligible for up to \$10,000 in cost-effective energy efficiency improvements through a state grant program.

The Maryland Energy Administration’s Clean Energy Communities

Low-to-Moderate Income Grant Program awarded BlockChain Frontiers Foundation, Inc. \$329,000 to support energy-efficiency home improvements in central Maryland. The program is now accepting applications for projects between July 1, 2019 and Aug. 1, 2020. BFF is a nonprofit foundation that

works with Maryland communities to provide home weatherization upgrades to reduce monthly utility bills.

Eligible energy improvements may include but are not limited to: attic insulation; furnace testing, diagnostics, maintenance and replacement; duct sealing and insulating; water heater treatments;

Energy Star appliances; replacing standard light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs; and installing low-flow, energy-efficient aerators and showerheads. In some cases, projects may include HVAC replacement, including heat pump, furnace or boiler replacement. Window, roof and door re-

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BE CART SMART: Throwing out plastic bags, clothes or a garden hose? Please don’t use the brown recycling cart – put them in the gray trash cart. Or, to find a nearby grocery store that accepts plastic bags for recycling, visit <http://bit.ly/howtorecyclebags>. Got a city cart that’s falling apart? Call 240-314-8568. We’ll replace it for you.

Senior Center Renovations ...

Renovations are underway throughout the Rockville Senior Center, including work affecting the front entrance foyer, offices, Carnation Room stage, bathrooms and dining room. Renovations are expected to be completed in June.

The front entrance is closed. Visitors and members should use side or back parking lot entrances.

For more information, call the center at 240-314-8800 or email seniorcenter@rockvillemd.gov.



Writers: Pens at the Ready

Writers and high school student writers are invited to submit entries to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival's short-story contests.

Entries in both competitions must be post-marked by Saturday, Aug. 3.

Stories must be fewer than 4,000 words — between 1,500 and 3,000 words for the student contest — and unpublished.

Residents of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., are eligible to enter; the student contest is open only to Montgomery County high schoolers.

First prize for the short-story competition is \$500 (\$250 for the student competition) plus an invitation to speak briefly about the story at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive. Two runner-up prizes of \$100 each will be awarded at the festival in each contest.

Winning entries will be printed in the literary festival's 2019 program.

More details, including contest rules and entry forms, are available at <https://fscottfestival.org/festival/short-story-contest>.

This year, the festival will honor "The Joy Luck Club" author Amy Tan with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Achievement in American Literature. The award has been presented to some of America's most distinguished writers, including Richard Russo, Annie Proulx, Norman Mailer, Pat Conroy, John Updike and Joyce Carol Oates.

The festival's activities include writing workshops, a conversation between Tan and best-selling author Mark Childress, and a screening of "The Joy Luck Club."

The festival is for writers, book lovers and fans of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Learn more about the contest and festival at www.fscottfestival.org or by calling 301-309-9461.

May is Health Fair Month at the Senior Center

Keep healthy in May and June with free programs that include how to recognize signs of stroke, eating well and the latest information on blood pressure, at the Rockville Senior Center.

Register using the course number at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration, in person at the senior center information desk or by calling 240-314-8810.

Senior Center Health Fair

This free fair, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, has free health screenings, healthy snacks and more. Meet representatives from Montgomery County and Rockville agencies, health-related vendors, senior communities and senior services.

Stroke, Signs and Symptoms: What You Must Know

This workshop, presented by a CPR instructor, could make a difference in the life of someone you love. Held 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Register with course #9387.

Nutrition After 50

A registered dietician will discuss the basics of meal planning, what to look for on food labels and diet modifications that will help you look and feel your best in your 50s and beyond. Held 1-2 p.m. Thursday, May 23. Register with course #9394.

Sesiones de Comer Saludable en Espanol (Healthy Eating Sessions, presented in Spanish)

Adopting healthy eating habits is key to wellness. A series of four sessions teaches the recommended guidelines for healthy eating; hidden risks found in our food, such as sugar, salt and fats; and how to plan and shop for healthy meals on a budget. Presented by the

Latino Health Initiative of Montgomery County. Held from 1-2:30 p.m. on Fridays, May 24-June 14. Register with course #9383.

Hands Only CPR

Learn the evolution of CPR, how it works and a simple way to help someone. Demonstration and practice on a feedback mannequin. Presented by Adventist HealthCare from 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5. Register with course #9388.

Pressure Points: The Latest on Blood Pressure

Discover the latest hypertension guidelines for people older than 60, current research on hypertension, how recent guidelines can have an impact on blood pressure, and when lifestyle modifications and medications are appropriate. Held 1-2 p.m. Thursday, June 27. Register with course #9395.

Asian American Health Initiative Programs

AAHI is part of Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Programs are taught in Mandarin Chinese:

- **Dimensions of Wellness**
Learn about health and the eight dimensions of wellness. 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9. Register for course #9391.
- **Transportation**
Learn about transportation options the county offers to older adults. 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12. Register for course #9392.
- **Medication Management**
A licensed pharmacist will briefly discuss medication management and answer questions about medications. Held 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 19. Register for course #9393. ✚

Secrets, Dreams, Balalaikas and Women's Liberation: May and June at the F. Scott

A retired detective, dance recital and domra virtuosi take the stage over the next two months at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

- **"Sherlock's Veiled Secret,"** presented by Rockville Little Theatre. 8 p.m. May 3, 4, 10, and 11; 2 p.m. May 5 and 12.

When Violet Sheridan is summoned to meet a retired Sherlock Holmes, she learns distressing information concerning her birthright. A case of blackmail puts the life of Holmes and Sheridan's parents in peril, leaving Violet to save them from danger.

Tickets are \$22; \$20 for seniors (62 and older) and students.

- **"Dreams,"** presented by the Bethesda Conservatory of Dance. Saturday, May 18, 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Children ages 2-13 take the stage to show off everything they've learned this year. A fun, light-hearted performance, meant to feel like a celebration.

Tickets: adults, \$22; seniors/child/student, \$19.

- Rockville Chorus presents **"Love Songs in Spring"** with director Bryan Seith. Sunday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.

No tickets required; \$5 suggested donation.

- **"30th Anniversary,"** presented by the Washington Balalaika Society. 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

The Washington Balalaika Society will celebrate its 30th anniversary with three world-class domra virtuosi, a master

of the balalaika, a brilliant conductor, and an orchestra of 60 musicians.

Domra virtuosi Alexander Tsygankov, from Moscow; Tamara Volskaya; and Peter Omelchenko will join WBS balalaika concertmaster Andrei Savilev in a concert program created by WBS conductor and artistic director Svetlana Nikonova.

The anniversary concert repertoire includes Mussorgsky's "The Great Gate of Kiev;" Rossini's "William Tell Overture;" Gliere's "Russian Sailor's Dance," from his ballet "The Red Poppy;" Andreyev's "Balalaika Waltz;" and the alluring "Lipa Wekowaja."

Tickets cost \$25, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students. Children younger than 12 are free.

- **"Princess Ida,"** presented by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company. 8 p.m. June 7, 8, 14 and 15; 2 p.m. June 9 and 16.

A story of medieval women's liberation. Princess Ida and her band of maidens decide to abandon men and form their own women's university. Great fun, and some of Gilbert and Sullivan's best music and lyrics.

Tickets are \$28, \$24 for seniors 65 and older and \$20 for students. All tickets are \$14 on June 7.

For tickets or more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email theatre@rockvillemd.gov. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. ✚



MANSION REOPENED WITH ACCESSIBLE PARKING ... The Glenview Mansion has reopened to the public now that a new Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible parking lot is substantially complete at the historic Rockville building. The renovations will make it easier for visitors to access the mansion during events and other programs. The mansion is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Find out more about the historic Glenview Mansion at www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview.

ROCKVILLE GOES PURPLE

Know the Risks About Opioids Senior Education Forum

Thursday, June 6
1-3 p.m.

Rockville Senior Center
1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, Maryland
Free. Register for Course #9440
at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration
or call 240-314-8800.

A presentation, for seniors, caregivers and families, on:

- Pain management.
- Opioid use and misuse.
- Safe storage and disposal of prescription opioids.

Presentations will be delivered by Albertsons' Pharmacy resident Victoria Zhu, PharmD, and Cpl. Ken Matney of the Rockville City Police Dept.

We're ALL In This TOGETHER!

BE SAFE AS GRILLING SEASON APPROACHES ...

Nicer weather means it's time to grill. When you do, be safe! Only grill outdoors, well away from your home, deck and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill. Keep the grill clean and free from grease or fat buildup. And never leave a grill unattended. Find these tips and more at www.nfpa.org.



Arts Festival to Take Over Town Square in May

The streets of Town Square will transform into an outdoor art gallery in May with the 7th annual Rockville Arts Festival. Formerly known as A-RTS at Rockville Town Square, this year's festival is managed by VisArts, Montgomery County's largest visual arts center.

From 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 145 artists will be represented at the festival alongside demonstrations of art, cooking and live entertainment on the Dawson's Market Stage.

Visitors will be able to see demonstrations by exhibiting artists or try their hands at the ceramics wheel in the VisArts big top tent, and are also encouraged to take part in a community project to create a mural honoring the life of peace advocate Mattie J.T. Stepanek. When finished, the mural will be displayed in the Peace Room at Mainstreet Rockville, a new residential building with apartments designated for adults with disabilities.

The city is partnering with VisArts to reshape Town Square into an arts destination.

"We believe that focusing on arts and arts activities is a way to make it different from some of the other urban centers that are around the area," VisArts Executive Director Alice Nappy told Rockville 11. "We believe that there's an artist in everyone and that art is a great way of communicating and that the arts are essential to a vibrant community."

Maryland Avenue, East Middle and Gibbs streets will be closed to traffic. The festival is in easy walking distance of the Rockville Metro station (Red Line) and numerous parking garages are nearby.

To find out more and see artists who will be exhibiting, visit www.rockvilleartsfestival.org.

Create with VisArts at Rockville Town Square

June offers the first of several opportunities over the warmer months to create art at Rockville Town Square. Federal Realty Investment Trust and VisArts are partnering with the City of Rockville to offer the free outdoor art labs on Wednesdays to inspire the artist in you.

Try the Wheel. Try your hand June 19 at a pottery wheel and see what working with clay feels like. For participants 8 and older.

Rockville Rocks for Peace. At this all-ages event on June 26, paint river rocks for yourself and one that will be placed in the Peace Garden of Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park.

The workshops will be held 7-8:30 p.m. at the square, at 131 Gibbs St. All activities are free and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Learn more about VisArts at www.visartscenter.org and about Rockville Town Square at rockvilletownsquare.com.

Movies in the Parks: Four Movies. Four Weeks. Four Neighborhood Parks

Mark your summer entertainment calendar for Rockville's free outdoor Movies in the Parks, on the big screen at neighborhood parks throughout the city on Wednesdays in August.

Bring chairs, blankets, food and beverages and enjoy four family-friendly movies at four different neighborhood parks. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) and are free. Last year, more than 300 people attended each week.

The 2019 schedule is:

- **"Smallfoot"** (PG) on Aug. 7, at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive.
- **"The Mighty Ducks"** (PG) on Aug. 14, at Woodley Gardens Park, 900 Nelson St.
- **"The Little Mermaid"** (G) on Aug. 21, at Maryvale Park, 812 First St.
- **"Sherlock Gnomes"** (PG) on Aug. 28, at Potomac Woods Park, 1380 Stratton Drive.

Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/moviesintheparks.



Kids to Parks Day is May 18 at Croydon Creek Nature Center

The National Park Trust and the City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Department are inviting everyone to visit Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, and celebrate Kids to Parks Day.

Kids to Parks Day is free and takes place 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 18. Explore the Hayes Forest Preserve and enjoy a free make 'n' take activity to help with forest exploration.

Find out more about Kids to Parks Day at www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day. Follow Croydon Creek Nature Center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/croydoncreek.

Peace Day Party Will Celebrate Teen Activist's Legacy

Mark your calendars for Rockville's free Peace Day Celebration, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13.

The event celebrates the life, legacy and birthday of late teen poet and peace activist Mattie J.T. Stepanek, with cake, conversation, activities, crafts and entertainment.

The outdoor party will be held from 1-5 p.m. at the King Farm Village Green, 800 Pleasant Drive, and will feature a moon bounce, face painting, peace crafts, music and dancing.

During the street fair, local restaurants will offer food and drink specials, with a dance party at Botanero Restaurant from 5-8 p.m. to cap off the celebration.

For more information, visit the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation at www.mattieonline.com.

Glenview Mansion Summer Wedding Expo

WHEN YOU'VE found THE ONE...

SUNDAY, JULY 14 • 1-4 p.m.

\$5 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, MD 20851

www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview • 240-314-8660

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Saturday, June 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Rockville Town Square
Free and open to all ages.

Featuring:

- Live performances.
- Airbrush tattoos and face painting.
- Informational booths and dialogue.
- Crafts, balloon art and moon bounce.

Wheelchair accessible. For ADA modifications or more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316, jkelly@rockvillemd.gov, TTY 240-314-8137 or Relay 711 by June 1.

www.rockvillemd.gov/hrc

Interested in performing? Contact Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8316.

Summer Celebration: Fun on the Fourth with Fireworks in King Farm

A Rockville tradition, the city's annual Independence Day celebration, returns to King Farm on Thursday, July 4.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration is held annually at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm, which offers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration, now in its fifth year at Stepanek Park, includes live music by The Nighthawks at 7 p.m. and a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. There is no rain date.

The entertainment and fireworks can be viewed from the park grounds. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and food and beverages. Parking will be available in lots on Shady Grove and Gaither roads and Piccard Drive, near the park. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

For additional parking and general info, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

Attention: Dog Owners

Your dog did his duty, please do yours.

Clean up after your dog.

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Get Registered and Get Ready for the Twilight Runfest

The Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest, presented by the Rockville Rotary Club Foundation and the City of Rockville, celebrates its 34th year in 2019.

The 8-kilometer road race and family fun run will be held Saturday, July 20.

Registration is open at <http://rockvilletwilighter.org>. Early bird registration, through May 31, is \$25.

The pre-race festival will begin in downtown Rockville at 6:30 p.m. with food vendors, community booths and merchants. The fun run begins at 7:45 p.m.; the 8K starts at 8:15 p.m.

The fee from June 1-July 17 is \$34. The race-day registration fee is \$45. The fee for participants 17 and under is \$15 (\$20 on race day). The 1-mile fun run is \$10 per individual, \$30 per family (for one adult and unlimited kids).

For more information on the Twilight Runfest, visit <http://rockvilletwilighter.org>, or find it on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/RockvilleTwilighter.

Filling Out Your Summer To-do List? Check Out Rockville's Recreation Guides for All Ages

Wonder no longer about how to fill those long summer days — the 2019 summer recreation guide, "Life in Rockville," is out and packed full of classes, programs and special events for all ages and interests.

Additionally, find summer camps and playgrounds programs for kids and teens in the 2019 camp guide.

When it comes to programs, courses and events for the 60-plus community, look for the "Adults 60+" recreation guide.

All of Rockville's recreation guides are available at City Hall, community centers, libraries and at www.rockville.md.gov/guide.

General registration begins Thursday, May 9. To register with a course number, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.

Honorable Mentions from C-SPAN Video Competition go to Richard Montgomery High Students

Three ninth-grade students from Richard Montgomery High School have won honorable mentions in C-SPAN's 2019 StudentCam competition, an annual national video documentary competition for middle and high schoolers.

This year, C-SPAN asked students to create a five- to six-minute documentary on the theme, "What Does it Mean to Be American?"

Amanda Wu from Richard Montgomery High School and Matthew Casertano, from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, won an honorable mention for their video, "Disunited States." (See their video at www.viddler.com/v/8d43b962.)

An honorable mention also went to Richard Montgomery High's Carina Guo and James Mu for their video, "Crossing the Oceans." (See their video at www.viddler.com/v/6d7143ac.)

See www.studentcam.org for more on the annual StudentCam competition.



The Rockville Farmers Market includes produce, cheeses and other unique offerings.

Sign of the Season: Farmers Market Returns

Buy Farm-Fresh Produce in Town Center, Beginning May 18

Rockville's Farmers Market returns Saturday, May 18 to give shoppers their pick of farm-fresh produce and more from regional growers/producers.

This year's market will include vendors offering fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local wine and spirits, knife sharpening, meat and coffee.

New vendors will offer fresh cheeses; mushrooms from the Eastern Shore; beeswax candles; soaps; United States Department of Agriculture- and biodynamic-certified vegetables, herbs and flowers; and other locally grown fruits and vegetables.

The market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 23 in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (Route 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money

Program. The program helps provide greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for customers using the Farmers Market Nutrition Program; the Women, Infants, and Children Fruit and Vegetable Check Program; and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Participants' benefits are matched up to \$5 each week while funds are available. Organizations or individuals wishing to contribute to the Maryland Market Money program should email speialevents@rockvillemd.gov.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers for more information, including a list of participating vendors, approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables, and a photo gallery. For more information, call 240-314-8620. ✚

Register Now for the Suds & Soles 5K

Registration is now open for the 2019 Suds & Soles 5K.

This year's race, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22, has been selected as the Maryland Road Runners Club of America 5K Championship Race.

The Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville are teaming up again to present this 5K course, on neighborhood roads, that begins and ends in Rockville Town Center.

The post-race party will feature live music by Lloyd Dobbler Effect and the opportunity to sample great beverages from a commemorative mug. A KidZone, for children 9 and under, will feature a kids fun run, children's activities and light refreshments.

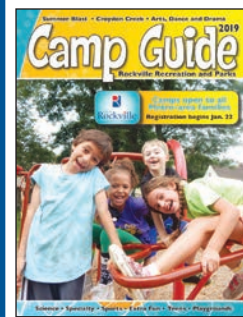
The race is open to adults,

youth and children, and, new this year, features a tiered pricing structure offering limited slots at reduced prices. Register early and save. Race-day registration will be online only — and only if slots remain. There will be no paper registration forms onsite and cash and checks will not be accepted. To learn more about the race — including sponsorship opportunities, and get registered, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles.

Proceeds benefit the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. and MCRRC's youth and beginning running programs. Learn more about the Rockville Recreation Foundation at www.rpf.org. ✚

Summer Programs

Enroll your Kids and Teens!



Camps • July 17-Aug. 23

Keep your children busy and active all summer. Summer Blast, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. is offered at four locations. Register weekly or stay all summer long. Space is limited, so register now!

www.rockvillemd.gov/camps

Playgrounds • June 24-Aug. 1

Schools, parks and community centers in neighborhoods throughout Rockville. Sign up now for ages 6-12: organized sports and games, arts and crafts, water play and more. Make new friends. Children must have completed kindergarten.

www.rockvillemd.gov/summerplaygrounds

A Welcoming Space for Inmates and Their Kids

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er to the pre-release center. She spends 27 weeks a year at the center teaching effective parenting skills to clients on the verge of release as part of the ACT-Raising Safe Kids program. She received a certificate of appreciation for her work at the Montgomery County Department of Corrections'

46th Annual Awards Ceremony.

"The amount of kids impacted by it is pretty amazing," Bouwkamp said.

For more information on services provided by the Community Services Division, which provides outreach and support for at-risk and disadvantaged youth and families, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/376/Youth-Family-Programs. ✚

Help with Lowering Energy Costs

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placements are not eligible.

Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis until the grant money is exhausted.

Homeowners in other jurisdictions participating in the program in 2018 saved \$280 on average monthly energy costs.

To participate in the program, homeowners must

meet eligibility requirements. Income eligibility requirements range from \$69,800 for a single-person household, to \$99,600 for a four-person household and \$131,600 for an eight-person household.

For more information, city residents may contact Niambi Powell at npowell@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8319.

For more about the state program, visit <https://energy.maryland.gov/govt/pages/cleanenergyIMI.aspx>. ✚

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CITY ON ROCKVILLE II
www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

BACK IN THE DAY ... The Millennium Trail was complete, the May 2006 "Rockville Reports" reported. The bicycle beltway was the area's first 10.6-mile path, which circled the city and was a significant component of Rockville's bicycle network. "Being able to easily travel around the city by bicycle or on foot is something every citizen, young or old, can benefit from," said Betsy Thompson, a program development coordinator with the Recreation and Parks Department.

Questions, Concerns or Ideas?
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